



Jacob "Jake" W. Fluke

March 21, 1927 - October 11, 2022

Updated service information: Jake's commemorative service will be held on Sunday, November 13, 2022 at 2 P.M. at Tower Life Center in Zanesville. If you are unable to attend the service, you will be able to livestream the service at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8ktPTPPjk1S5Cc1bmWPuxQ>.

Jacob W. Fluke, age 95, died in his home on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 in the care of his daughters. He served in the US Navy 1945-1946, working as a Hospital Corpsman in the South Pacific and in Bremerton, WA. Jake was a very successful, self-made man. He was a farmer in Northern Wells County for over 20 years, and still possessed his detailed finance ledgers dating to 1949 when he married Eileen Flora and became an independent partner in the family farm. In the mid 1970's, he was employed as a Regional Field Assistant for Indiana Farm Bureau. He was the only one among his peers without a college degree. He didn't need it. He stayed with Farm Bureau until his retirement in 1989.

Jake's home church was Zanesville United Methodist Church, now known as Tower Life Center. His grandparents were founding members in the late 1800's, raising their three daughters in the church. His mother, Linnie Bronner, married Earl Fluke and they continued as members of the church raising their four children there. When Jake and Eileen were married, they also maintained membership there until their deaths. Jake's Christian faith was primary to his

life, and his church was of great importance to him.

Jake outlived Eileen, his wife of 60 years, as well as all of his immediate family (sisters Frances (Hubert) Smith, Elizabeth (Ralph) Walker, and Anna Laura (Denver) Slater, a grandson, and many, many good friends. He is survived, however, by his five daughters, 14 grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren. The Fluke daughters and spouses are; Linda and Randal Plummer, Keystone, IN; Sandra and Gilbert Young, Huntington, IN; Cinda Fluke and Ron Alvarez, Lexington, KY; Jalene Huff, Fishers, IN; and Dixie and Rob Wagner, Clover, SC.

Many thanks to Tony and Lou Ann Garton, Tom Walton and family, and Reggie and Phyllis Hayes for visiting and expressing their love and concern to the end. Thanks, too, to the friends who continued to call until Jake could no longer recognize you or talk on the phone.

We especially, deeply appreciate caregivers Vickie, Lisa, Crystal, Stephanie and Jade along with his hospice nurse, Nate, his hospice aide, Krystal, and all of the Eleos Hospice staff. Without you we couldn't have managed. You were all incredibly professional, helpful and loving.

A graveside service will be held Friday, October 14, 2022, at 2 P.M. at Hoverstock Cemetery in Zanesville. A commemorative service will be held on Sunday, November 13, 2022 at 2 P.M. at Tower Life Center in Zanesville. Memorial donations may be made to Eleos Hospice Care, 4432 Ardmore Ave Unit B, Fort Wayne, IN 46809 or the charity of your choice.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Hoverstock Cemetery

11698 N 300 W
Zanesville, IN

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT **14**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Hoverstock Cemetery
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Zanesville, IN

Memorial Service

NOV **13**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Tower Life Center
11811 Wayne St
Zanesville, IN 46799

Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Jacob "Jake" W. Fluke*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - November 08, 2022 at 01:27 PM

JG

“ *So very sorry for the loss of your father, grandfather and friend. Sweet memories of Jacob from the the veterans day programs at Norwell Middle/High Schools that he attended over the years. Thank you for your service sir!*



Jody Gates - October 18, 2022 at 06:12 AM

CH

“ *Dear Fluke girls and families,
So many wonderful memories of your sweet Papa! He was a dandy and will be missed!
God bless your family as you mourn the loss of your "Jake".
Much love to your family,
Christine and Dan Hunt*



Christine and Dan Hunt - October 15, 2022 at 09:53 AM

MP

“ *Such a wonderful man. His seat at TLC middle section back row left side will always be Jake's seat. Our sympathy to all of his family. A life well lived. John and Marilyn Platt*

Marilyn Platt - October 14, 2022 at 11:16 AM

KM

“ *You and your family were wonderful neighbors of ours for many years! We shared lots of good food and fellowship with all of you. Love you all dearly. ❤️
Kirb & Shirley*

Kirb & Shirley Mossburg - October 13, 2022 at 12:55 PM

PB

“ *I remember our parents getting together and playing cards until late at night and enjoying being together. Us kids would play hard outside and then would end up laying around wanting to go home and sleep, but listening to lots of laughter. I have many good memories of your dad who was always friendly and easy to talk to. Our condolences to your family at this time of grief and celebration of a long life well lived.
Patty Baker*

Patty Baker - October 13, 2022 at 08:53 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jacob "Jake" W. Fluke.*



October 12, 2022 at 10:53 PM

AC

“ So sorry for you loss... its heart breaking watching our parents fade away... as I did with dad in 2021...(Richard Couch)... we grew up on the farm on 200w... kept some sheep I believe in a field for a while.... we still have the farm....
Prayers in finding comfort knowing he is reunited with his wife and other friends n family
Anna Couch

Anna Couch - October 12, 2022 at 06:41 PM

DD

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Jake was a sweet man and had him as a bus driver for a few yrs back in the day ...Dixie was a good friend to me and spent time with the family..my prayers to the family of Jacob Fluke...bless you
Deb Duhamell (McCune).



Deb Duhamell - October 12, 2022 at 03:31 PM

KL

Jake was a joy. I was blessed to work with him at Farm Bureau in the 89s and to keep in touch with all of these years. I am grateful to have been in his life. That smile was always with him. He will certainly be missed...Karen Lackey

Karen Lackey - October 14, 2022 at 10:03 AM

KP

Our death is represented by two dates separated by a hyphen or dash, which was our life. Jake has a dash not a hyphen because he lived a long, healthy and prosperous life. accomplishing so much and touching many lives in positive ways. He was a giver and not a taker. I worked with Jake on Farm Bureau's Field staff from 1980 until he retired in 1989. I always enjoyed see him after he retired at IFB conventions and other events. I am blessed to have been a small part of his dash and I am sorry to see him go. My condolences to his girls and all his family.
Kermit J. Paris

Kermit J. Paris - October 17, 2022 at 01:21 PM

MJ

I was honored to work with Jake at Farm Bureau. He was always jovial and cordial. He always had important input for planning of programs and events. My condolences to the family.

Mike Jones - October 19, 2022

Mike Jones - October 20, 2022 at 04:11 PM